

FISCAL NOTE

HB 542 - SB 829

March 10, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates and provides for the certification by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners of two additional professional titles: *Certified Animal Control Agency* and *Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician*. Authorizes the Board to set qualifications and fees for such certifications. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to perform the functions authorized under the new titles without holding such a certification. Also requires that an animal in a certified animal control agency may not be euthanized except by a licensed veterinarian, a licensed animal technician or a certified animal euthanasia technician.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes an increase in state expenditures to the Department of Health - Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to develop qualifications, certify both agencies and technicians and monitor compliance. Such increase is estimated to be able to be absorbed within the Board's budget.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

Also assumes an increase in local government expenditures to the extent that local humane shelters, pounds, and animal control centers will become certified and will choose to have an employee certified to perform such euthanasia if they do not have a qualified individual on staff.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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